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# Complete stranger hands out cash

**Surprise!** Couple and two other women get free \$50 bills from an anonymous altruist



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June Bond said she was "still shaking" Tuesday afternoon as she talked about a mysterious stranger walking up to her Dartmouth home and handing over two \$50 bills.

Bond and Bill MacNamara were having a cigarette on their porch around 9 a.m. Tuesday when a yellow Nissan Xterra pulled up and the man got out.

At first she thought he might have been selling something, Bond said, before he handed over the bills and two silver \$5 coins. She said he told the couple to "look up and say thank you" as he pointed to the sky.

"Next thing you know, we're both crying and you can't get any words out," Bond said with a smile.

The couple couldn't believe their luck, and MacNamara even held up the

bills to a light to make sure they were real, he said with a laugh.

"You hear of random acts of kindness, but it's usually a Tim Hortons coffee.... You don't get \$100," Bond said. "It came at a time that we needed it, too."

Bond said she wanted to tell their story so she could find their benefactor, give him a big hug and ask him why he gave away the money.

"Who is he? Why is he doing this?" she said. "We want to get to the bottom of it."

The man had dark hair, a salt-and-pepper beard, was dressed like a "normal everyday guy" and didn't look especially rich, Bond said.

He even gave out two more \$50 bills to two women in the nearby parking lot of a convenience store, said a man working at the store's counter.



The two \$5 coins. JEFF HARPER/METRO

### Other sightings

Since Metro published the story online Tuesday, several people have said they also saw a similar-looking man handing out money in HRM.

- One man said he was given \$100 by a stranger on Wyse Road in Dartmouth this week.
- Another person said he got \$100 from a man in downtown Halifax.

The stranger handed over the money and said it was a message from God or something similar before the women excitedly ran into the store, he said.

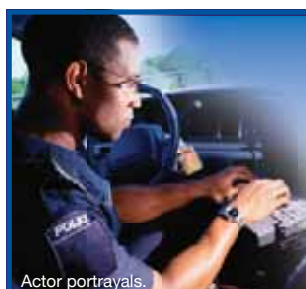
Bond said she will be taking her three-year-old daughter Abigail shopping with the unexpected funds, but the silver coins will be framed and hung on the wall.

MacNamara said the man told them to pass along the money if they knew of someone else who needed it more than them, and Bond said they will definitely find a way to "pay it forward."



Bill MacNamara and June Bond pose for a photo with their daughters Gabrielle, six months, and Abigail, age 3. The couple received two \$50 bills and two \$5 coins randomly from a stranger.

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# 'I was raped,' teen tells court in sex assault trial

**South Shore confinement.** Trial hears first day of disturbing testimony

A teenager testified Tuesday that he was blindfolded and his hands and feet were chained to a bed when a man sexually assaulted him at a remote cabin in Nova Scotia.

The youth was called to the witness stand by the Crown at the jury trial of John Leonard MacKean, a Lower Sackville man who has pleaded not guilty to sexual assault and communicating for the purpose of obtaining sexual services from a person under 18.

The youth, now 17, identified a small black sleeping mask and a blanket with wolves on it as items that were at the scene where he says he was sexually assaulted on Sept. 20, 2012.

Crown prosecutor Lloyd Tancock asked him what took place at the cabin in Lunenburg County, about 130 kilometres southwest of Halifax.

"I was raped," he told the province's Supreme Court in Bridgewater. He later specified that a man he could not see performed oral sex on him as he cried, unable to move.

The youth said he is certain the man was not one of two other men accused in the case, one of whom was later convicted. He said that is because he was able

**David James LeBlanc**

Last June, David James LeBlanc was sentenced in the case to 11 years in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping, forcible confinement, sexual assault, uttering threats and breach of conditions.

to determine from a limited view beneath the sleeping mask that was used to blindfold him that the perpetrator was a balding, heavy-set man who wore glasses.

The youth, whose identity is protected by a publication ban, repeatedly wiped away tears during his testimony.

At one point, Tancock asked him to demonstrate how the sleeping mask was worn. He declined.

"I would not like to do that," he said.

The youth said he believes the man ejaculated on the bed after sexually assaulting him.

"He was wiping something off the bed," he said.

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor questioned the youth's credibility, saying elements of his story based on statements he gave to police days after the alleged incident conflict with his testimony.

Taylor said in prior statements the youth told police he heard a man's voice in the room while he was sexually assaulted, but during his testimony Tuesday he said he didn't hear a voice.

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John Leonard MacKean arrives to court on Monday in Bridgewater. MacKean is charged with sexual assault in the case of a teenage boy who was allegedly confined inside a Nova Scotia cabin. MIKE DEMBECK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Entered as evidence**

## 'Oh, yes, sexy': Text

The Crown entered as evidence text messages between co-accused Wayne Alan Cunningham, who later took his own life, and MacKean sent between Sept. 18 and Sept.

25 of 2012.

The text messages were obtained by RCMP through search warrants, court heard.

RCMP Cpl. Luc Cote testified the text messages show that on Sept. 18, MacKean asked Cunningham if "everything is a go," and Cunningham

replied, "Oh, yes, sexy."

Cote told the court that MacKean wrote back, "Looking forward to it. Do you have pic?"

Cote said that on Sept. 19, Cunningham sent a text message to MacKean saying, "I would rather not send pic. You will see tomorrow."

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## Time limit set. Council amends normal buy-back deal for Adsum House

Regional councillors have taken the unusual step of imposing a time limit on a standard buy-back agreement in a real estate deal with Adsum House.

Council agreed to sell the property at 2421 Brunswick St. to the non-profit organization for less than market value last summer.

Buy-back agreements allow HRM to purchase property sold for less than market value if the property owner wants to sell or ceases to use the property for the established purpose.

Typically, the agreements don't have an end date, but the Adsum House property is co-owned by the federal government, which required the buyback provision be in place for only 15 years.

Coun. Jennifer Watts asked council to further amend the agreement so that it will be released after the 15-year period,

### Community contribution

**"Given the length of time that Adsum has been at that location, the sizable investment they've made in the property and their critical mandate ... this would just provide some security and options ..."**

Coun. Jennifer Watts

giving Adsum clear title to the property.

Although some councillors were concerned about fairness, noting several other non-profit organizations have had indefinite buy-back agreements imposed on them, the amendment — and motion — passed unanimously.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Year-end stats. Attempted murders up, overall crime numbers down: Police

Attempted murders are on the rise in the Halifax region, according to police, but other violent crimes are trending downward.

Halifax police have released their fourth-quarter and year-end crime statistics for 2013.

The numbers show the overall crime rate in HRM went down by nine per cent when comparing 2012 to 2013.

Homicides, robberies and assaults were down 27, 14 and seven per cent, respectively.

The rate of attempted murders, however, increased by 60 per cent.

Property crimes have also seen a modest decrease, falling

### Less killing

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The number of homicides in 2013, down from 11 in 2012

by eight per cent overall.

Break and enters, theft over \$5,000 and theft of vehicles were also all down. Only cases of fraud saw a rise in numbers, jumping nine per cent year over year.

Weapons offences remained just over the 300 mark, with four fewer cases reported in 2013. **METRO**

### Timberlea

## Police charge young man after street stabbing

A 24-year-old is facing multiple charges including attempted murder after a man was stabbed in the middle of a residential street on Monday afternoon.

Police say the 21-year-old victim, who is still in hospital but expected to recover from his injuries, was stabbed on Wedge-

wood Avenue in Timberlea around 3 p.m. Monday.

Police made an arrest a short time later and on Tuesday announced charges against James Morgan Hardiman.

In addition to the attempted-murder charge, Hardiman also faces assault with a weapon, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Al LeBlanc said the accused and the victim knew each other.

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## Haligonians hail Hedley

Jacob Hoggard of Hedley jumps in the air while performing for an adoring crowd during the band's stop at the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday. The performance was part of the group's national tour. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# Discovery Centre to get \$2M for new home

## Funding concerns.

Money for new 'state-of-the-art' facility could come from city surplus

### The wrong resource?

**"I'm a fan of the Discovery Centre, but ... I'm concerned about \$2 million. I'm concerned about the surplus and the way that we feel it's OK to spend because it's coming from the surplus."** Coun. Matt Whitman



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The Discovery Centre will get a one-time cash infusion of \$2 million from the municipality to help with the costs of its new Lower Water Street facility.

The centre asked for the funding in February 2013 as part of the capital fundraising for its new home in the former Nova Scotia Power building.

"The Discovery Centre has been a great asset to this municipality; it does great work," said Coun. Bill Karsten at

regional council's weekly meeting Tuesday. "I think it's something that Halifax will be very proud of when it's built in the state-of-the-art form that it will be. I think it'll attract people from all over."

The funding request doesn't meet the criteria for any of HRM's existing grants programs, and financial staffers are recommending taking the money out of the municipality's surplus on an ad hoc basis — a point of concern for some.

"It's a little bit of a concern to me that this is being done

as a one-off, so we need to have more of a process around these large grants," said Coun. Wayne Mason. Coun. Jennifer Watts also suggested the Discovery Centre's annual grant of \$145,000 be tied to a program ensuring financial accessibility to the centre for kids and school groups of all income levels.

Chief financial officer Greg Keefe said the centre could be asked to submit a proposal to meet that requirement for the 2015-16 year.

Council also approved a two-



Coun. Jennifer Watts  
METRO FILE

year extension to the timelines for the 16-storey development that will be built in the Discovery Centre's current home on Barrington Street.

The existing development agreement requires that construction begin in July 2014 and be completed by July 2017 — but the Discovery Centre won't have relocated in time to accommodate the start of construction.

# City to help Khyber with relocation costs

Halifax regional council has voted to give the Khyber Arts Society \$45,000 to offset the cost of relocation from its Barrington Street headquarters.

Asbestos was discovered in the Khyber building at 1588

Barrington St. in January, forcing the Arts Society to find a temporary new home.

Coun. Wayne Mason urged his colleagues to support the motion, noting the Khyber's continued operation is key to

achieving the municipality's cultural goals.

"If they're unable to meet their commitments to federal funders ... their ability to continue as an organization would be equally affected, and our

ability to act on council's motions of 2007, 2008 and 2010 would be impacted," he said.

The society's rent has also been waived for the first three months of 2014.

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A bright light is captured by Nova Scotia Webcams near the Masstown Market on Tuesday morning.  
NOVA SCOTIA WEBCAMS

# ‘It’s not Star Trek,’ says science guru

**In the sky.** Fireball sighting in Nova Scotia creates plenty of buzz

A large flash that appeared in the sky early Tuesday morning had dozens of Nova Scotians talking, but a local science guru said the cause is “not so mysterious.”

Cumberland County resident Scott Miller got quite the surprise early Tuesday when he looked out his window overlooking Baie Verte and the Northumberland Strait.

He was one of several thousand Maritimers to see a fireball streaking out of the sky at approximately 5 a.m.

“It was like a giant fireball, it was yellowish, orange in colour and it was bright. It was moving really fast,” Miller said.

Police in Nova Scotia confirmed someone from the Chester area reported a “fireball” in the sky at 5:09 a.m., but weren’t sure what it was from.

“We don’t know. It’s a mystery,” quipped RCMP spokesman Cpl. Al LeBlanc.

The fireball was a bolide, according to science expert Richard Zurawski.

He said a bolide is a piece of rock or metal falling from space that glows when it burns up in the atmosphere, and its kinetic energy is transferred to heat and light.

“It’s a pretty typical thing. Seeing it over the Maritimes is a little unusual, but this happens thousand of times probably every 24 hours,” said Zurawski, a meteorologist with Rogers News 95.7 radio in Halifax.

Tuesday morning’s bolide came from a southerly direction headed north, he said, and they can last up to five or six seconds with a long, bright tail depending on how big the chunk of space debris was.

“It goes from 20 to 40 kilometres a second,” Zurawski said, and are usually the size of a human head or larger.

Some people have found pieces of bolides that reach

## Quoted

“It’s rare on one hand, and on the other hand, it’s sort of a common thing.”

Richard Zurawski, meteorologist

the ground, which are then known as meteorites, he said.

Although many of these fall to earth every day, Zurawski said it’s unusual for people to spot one because there’s so much unpopulated space in the Arctic tundra, ocean or desert where they could land.

Zurawski said a lot of the fascination people have with meteors or unusual phenomenon is because we’re “divorced from nature in so many ways” and don’t always pay attention to what’s happening in the sky.

“When something does happen we start saying ‘Oh, gee, that’s interesting’ ... and it’s not Star Trek,” said Zurawski. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

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# Horse goes for jaunt down street

A stray horse was picked up on Poplar Street in Stelarton on Tuesday morning after it broke loose from its stable on Kirk Avenue.

The horse, whose name is Cricket, was caught without incident and calmly walked back to her home.

Jacinda King, who

## Quoted

“I was afraid a couple of times that she was going to be hit by a car.”

Jacinda King, area resident

lives on Acadia Street was

shocked when she saw the horse strolling through her neighbourhood.

“I saw her across the street in the neighbour’s yard and then watched as she ran down the road,” she said.

“I’m so glad they got her.” **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**


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# More than a hangover? Poloz warns of economy undershooting

**Bank of Canada governor.** Slow growth new norm, Halifax chamber crowd hears

Slow economic growth is the new norm and will require central bankers to keep interest rates low for longer than they would have in the past, Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz said Tuesday in Halifax.

"The global economy may not be just suffering through a hangover from the financial crisis," he said in notes of a speech delivered to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

"There are other, longer-term forces at work as well."

He said some analysts are suggesting we may be facing a long period of stagnation.

"One specific consequence would be that even extraordinarily low policy interest rates could prove to be less stimulative than in normal circumstances," Poloz said.

The Bank of Canada's

## Forecast

Stephen Poloz said he still believes growth will be above the so-called two per cent potential and approach 2.5 per cent in both 2014 and 2015 — as the Bank of Canada said in its January forecast.

## Slow start projected

"Although we continue to expect above-trend growth in Canada this year and next, the recent data suggest that the first quarter will be on the soft side."

Stephen Poloz

policy interest rate has been at 1.0 per cent since September 2010 and hit a record low of 0.25 per cent in April 2009 to stimulate growth following the financial crisis in late 2008.

Poloz said it's to be expected that recovery from the abnormally deep 2008-09 recession will take more time than usual but added there are probably other factors that are stalling growth.

He said that the baby boom generation born from the mid-1940s to mid-1960s — in Canada and around the developed world — is entering retirement age.

What is making the situation worse in terms of growth, says Poloz, is that boomers in the developed world have been putting their money into real estate rather than investments that can stimulate the economy, such as productive infrastructure and business investment.

Real estate assets in Canada accounted for 40 per cent of total wealth in 2012, he pointed out, as opposed to only 32 per cent in 1999.

In the near term, Poloz said the first months of this year have shown less growth than he expected. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz holds up a copy of *The Limits to Growth* while speaking at a luncheon in Halifax on Tuesday. **MIKE DEMBECK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Conservancy group gets land donation with old growth forest



Paul Stehelin stands next to a photo of the land he's donated.

MELISSA HEALD/FOR METRO

In hopes to preserve land once settled by his ancestors, Paul Stehelin has made a generous donation to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

The announcement made at the Museum of Natural History in Halifax on Tuesday will see Stehelin and his wife, Ann, donate 150 hectares of land containing an old growth forest, wetland and more than 1.5 kilometres of lakeshore in the Long Tusk Lake area in Digby County.

"When you fly over Nova Scotia now, there's not many

places where you can find trees that are over 100 years old," said Stehelin, adding he hopes the land will continue "carrying on the way it is" and "keep growing."

The donation will also bring protection to at-risk birds and other animals.

The New France settlement in Digby County was established by Stehelin's great-great-grandfather and his 12 children when they immigrated from France in the mid-1800s. They established a successful timber business on the banks of Lang-

## Preservation

**"When the Stehelins contacted us, it fit right into our plans."**

Craig Smith, of the Nature Conservancy of Canada

ford Lake, but after the First World War the land was sold.

In 1971, Stehelin bought the land he's now donating, not to preserve nature, he admits, but to protect a log cabin on the property.

But now Stehelin wants to protect the land as well. "There's a huge amount of spruce in the area that is very attractive to the people in the timber business," he said. "It's one of the few pieces of land in the area that hasn't been cut open."

Craig Smith, Nova Scotia program manager for the conservatory, said it was exciting to be approached by Stehelin.

"The broader region had been identified as a priority for conservation about seven years ago," said Smith.

MELISSA HEALD/FOR METRO

## Boosting the local economy

**Yarmouth 'turning the corner' with new ferry, finance minister says**

Nova Scotia's finance minister says the provincial government is "very firmly behind" the effort to restore ferry service in Yarmouth and she says getting a new ship — while great in itself — should

generate some momentum in the local economy, hopefully setting the stage for small-business growth.

Having another ferry here "is going to certainly send a signal," said Diana Whalen during a visit to Yarmouth on Tuesday, adding she sees the new service as symbolic of "a change in attitude and new opportunity coming back to the (Yarmouth) area."

That Yarmouth is

getting a ferry back is welcome news right across the province, the minister told the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce.

The new ferry service is still scheduled to start May 1, according to recent statements by the operators of the service.

"It's a signal that things are changing, that you're turning the corner," Whalen told the chamber crowd. **YARMOUTH VANGUARD**



Diana Whalen THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Attempted-murder charge

**Man waives right to preliminary hearing**

Shane Matheson of Trenton waived his right to a preliminary inquiry in court Tuesday and requested a Supreme Court date for this week.

Along with being charged for the attempted murder of Scott Jones, who was stabbed in downtown New Glasgow

in the early hours of Oct. 13, 2013, the 19-year-old man is also charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public.

Matheson's request for an arraignment in Pictou Supreme Court to be held Thursday was granted. He will be able to enter a plea at this time.

Matheson was present during the brief court appearance in Pictou provincial court. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**





Elaine Shatford, left, Kim Perrier and Ross Shatford proudly display the Halifax Mooseheads tickets they purchased Tuesday. KAYLYNN PAYNTER/FOR METRO

# And here we go again, Moose fans

**Drop the puck.**  
Supporters fired up for another long playoff run

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About two dozen fans lined up at the Metro Centre box office Tuesday morning to purchase Halifax Mooseheads tickets for their first-round playoff series against the Charlottetown Islanders.

Fans are hoping for a repeat performance from the Mooseheads after they brought home both the Presidents Cup and the Memorial Cup trophies in the 2013 playoffs.

"We've got (Jonathan) Drouin, (Nikolaj) Ehlers, and (Timo) Meier and they're starting to gel together," said Mooseheads fan Peter Snider, after receiving his tickets Tuesday at 10 a.m. "I think they're going to go pretty far." The Mooseheads' first home game of the playoffs is Friday night against the Islanders at the Metro Centre. Puck

drop is 8 p.m. because the game is being carried live across the country on Rogers Sportsnet.

Game 2 is also in Halifax on Saturday at 7 p.m., before the series switches to Charlottetown for Games 3 and 4 next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fans are confident their team will deliver in the first round against Charlottetown — and well beyond that.

"Where are the Islanders in the standings compared to the Mooseheads?" said fan Allan Durnford, as Halifax finished 37 points ahead of Charlotte-

**But wait, there's more!**

Halifax Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith weighs in on the team's playoff aspirations on page 20.

town. "The Mooseheads are going to sweep them as far as I'm concerned."

As of Tuesday afternoon, about 2,500 tickets were still available for both games 1 and 2.

## Nurses. Union wants labour minister to appoint mediator

The union representing Nova Scotia nurses employed by Capital District Health Authority is calling for the Minister of Labour to appoint a mediator after talks broke down between the two sides on Monday.

The provincial government and Nova Scotia General Employees Union (NSGEU) said in a release Tuesday the union has written a letter to Minister Kelly Regan asking her to appoint a mediator to help resolve outstanding differences between the nurses and the Capital District Health Authority.

"We believe the appointment of a good mediator can help resolve what appear to be insurmountable differences,"



Joan Jessome METRO FILE

said union president Joan Jessome. The union says the nurses are still very willing to work hard to reach a deal after talks broke off over the issue of nurse-to-patient ratios.

The Capital District Health Authority tweeted Tuesday that they are moving to a contingency plan for a possible strike.

MELISSA HEALD/FOR METRO

## Seaweed. Acadian Seaplants company is expanding with government help

The expansion of a company in Nova Scotia that harvests seaweed used in specialty fertilizers, animal feed supplements and by cosmetics markets is getting provincial government support.

Acadian Seaplants is spending more than \$4 million on new equipment at its operations in Shelburne County, Cornwallis, and Yarmouth and Charlesville.

The province is contributing almost \$540,000 to the project.

Acadian Seaplants har-

vests and processes seaweed that is shipped to 80 companies around the world.

The biotechnology company's products are used by a variety of industries and includes cultivated sea vegetables sold at Asian food markets.

Acadian Seaplants president Jean-Paul Deveau says the equipment the company is buying will help it improve productivity, while also cutting waste and emissions.

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## Getting Dropped Off at the Airport?



Construction is underway along the drop-off curb at Halifax Stanfield. Airport operations will continue, with safe access to the terminal building.

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# Jim Flaherty steps down as finance minister after 8 years

**'I leave feeling fulfilled.'** Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers

Jim Flaherty is leaving the federal cabinet after more than eight years as finance minister to prepare for a return to the private sector, saying the move is unrelated to his recent health problems.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to name his replacement Wednesday.

Flaherty, who delivered his final budget last month, said he made the decision with his family earlier this year.

"As I begin another chapter in my life, I leave feeling fulfilled with what we have accomplished as a government and a country during one of the most challenging economic periods in our country's history," he said in a statement.

## Replacement

Media outlets reported Tuesday night that Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver will replace Flaherty.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said Flaherty would be retaining — at least for now — his seat in the House of Commons, meaning he remains an MP for the

time being.

Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers, appointed to the key economic post when the Conservative government first came to power in 2006.

He managed the country's economy through one of its worst economic crises in 2008-2009, running up large deficits but leaving the books virtually balanced after his Feb. 11 budget.

Speculation about Flaherty's future has risen in

recent years after he acknowledged suffering from a rare skin condition, requiring him to take medication that led to weight gain and apparent fatigue in public appearances.

His long farewell message to Canadians, delivered unexpectedly on a government website, listed accomplishments such as cooling the housing market and introducing tax-free savings accounts.

Harper said he regretted the loss of his No. 1 money man. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty  
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## Canadians welcome troops home from Afghanistan

MCpl. Anthony Alliot and Sarah Tooth embrace after the last Canadian troops from Afghanistan returned to Ottawa on Tuesday. The last Canadian soldiers to leave Afghanistan arrived home to tears, hugs from family and friends and a pledge from Stephen Harper that May 9 will be set aside to honour their contributions and sacrifices. **ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Poll. 1 in 4 Canadian kids admit to cyberbullying

About one in four Canadian kids surveyed about cyberbullying admitted they have been "mean or cruel" to someone online, while more than one in three say they've been a victim, according to a newly released study.

But experts say cyberbullying is probably not as rampant or serious as some parents would believe.

Matthew Johnson is director of education for the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, which worked last year with schools in each province and territory to poll 5,436 students in grades 4 through 11 about online

issues.

"What we see in fact is that it is much less common and much smaller numbers of students experience significant harm," says Johnson.

Most commonly, students said the bullying act they committed was name-calling (78 per cent), while very few students owned up to more serious bad behaviour. Just 12 per cent said they made fun of someone's race or religion, seven per cent said they teased a peer about their sexual orientation, and four per cent said they sexually harassed someone.

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## No more DIY

### New medical pot growing laws unconstitutional: Lawyer

A lawyer for a group of medical marijuana patients has told a Federal Court judge that stopping his clients from growing their own pot at the end of this month would violate their charter rights. Beginning next month, the government plans to allow only select commercial producers to grow marijuana for medical use, and Health Canada says anyone else growing marijuana after that is breaking the law. Growing for personal use would be illegal under the new regulations.

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## 10 boys implicated

### Community, RCMP deal with sexting case

Community leaders and police in Terrace, B.C., have worked quickly to resolve a series of texting of sexually explicit images involving 10 boys. RCMP Const. Angela Rabut says a four-month investigation found the youths, between the ages of 12 and 16, were involved in sending or receiving the images of minor girls, and cyberbullying. Rabut says a community approach was developed to stop the sexual exploitation of youth by youth. An RCMP release says most of the boys were referred to the Terrace Community Justice Forum.

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A car burns at the scene of a helicopter crash outside the KOMO-TV studios near the Seattle Space Needle on Tuesday.

**KELLY KOOPMANS/KOMO-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Seattle. City to revisit policy on helicopter landing pads after crash

The city of Seattle will re-examine its policy on helicopter landing pads in response to Tuesday's fatal crash at a busy downtown intersection.

Mayor Ed Murray said at a news conference hours after the wreck that Seattle's regulations on helipads changed at least 20 years ago, when the city instituted more rules and limited where helicopters could take off and land.

"In consultation with the council, we will decide if we need to adjust our policies," he said.

The crash Tuesday morning happened as a news helicopter took off from a helipad at the KOMO-TV station. The chopper went down on a street near the Space Needle and exploded into flames, hitting three vehicles and setting them on fire.

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# Thai military reports 10-day-old radar blips that could be missing airplane

**MH370.** Thai air force didn't pay attention to the signal at first and said Malaysia's initial request for info wasn't specific enough

Investigators trying to solve the mystery of a missing Malaysian jetliner received some belated help Tuesday from Thailand, whose military said it took 10 days to report radar blips that might have been the plane "because we did not pay attention to it."

A coalition of 26 countries, including Thailand, is looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Search crews are scouring two giant arcs of territory amounting to the size of Australia — half of it in the



A young boy prays for the missing plane at an event at a Malaysian shopping mall on Tuesday. JOSHUA PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

remote seas of the southern Indian Ocean.

Malaysian officials said early in the search that they suspected the plane backtracked and flew toward the Strait of Malacca, just west of Malaysia. But it took a week for them to con-

firm Malaysian military radar data that suggested that route. On Tuesday, Thai military officials said their own radar showed an unidentified plane, possibly Flight 370, flying toward the strait beginning minutes after the Malaysian jet's

transponder signal was lost.

Air force spokesman Air Vice Marshal Montol Sukhookorn said the Thai military doesn't know whether the plane it detected was Flight 370.

Thailand's failure to quick-

ly share possible information about the plane may not substantially change what Malaysian officials now know, but it raises questions about the degree to which some countries are sharing their defence data.

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## Mystery

### But how do you lose an airplane?

Flight 370 must be somewhere. But the same can be said for Amelia Earhart's plane. So what if the airplane is never found?

While rare nowadays, history is not short of such mysteries — from the most famous of all, American aviator Earhart, to planes and ships disappearing in the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

"When something like this happens that confounds us, we're offended by it, and we're scared by it," said Ric Gillespie, a former U.S. aviation accident investigator.

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# Vladimir Putin welcomes Crimea back into the fold

**Annexation.** Russian president dismisses criticism, blasting the West as hypocrites and Ukraine as run by radical nationalists

With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia on Tuesday, describing the move as correcting a past injustice and responding to what he called Western encroachment upon Russia's vital interests.

While his actions were met with cheers in Crimea and Russia, Ukraine's new government called Putin a threat to the whole world and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the U.S. and Europe will impose further sanctions against Moscow.

"The world has seen through Russia's actions and has rejected the flawed logic," Biden said as he met with European leaders in Poland.

In an emotional 40-minute speech televised live from the Kremlin, Putin said he was merely restoring order to history by incorporating Crimea.

"In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an integral part of Russia," he declared, dismissing Western criticism of Sunday's



Thousands of pro-Russian people watch a live broadcast of Russian President Vladimir Putin's speech on Crimea in Sevastopol, Crimea, Tuesday. Fiercely defending Russia's move to annex Crimea, Putin said Russia had to respond to what he described as a plot by the West to take Ukraine into its influence. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Quoted

**"I have heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes."**

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared that the collapse of the Soviet Union made Russians "the largest divided people in the world."

Crimean referendum as a double standards. Often interrupted by ap-

plause, Putin said the rights of ethnic Russians in Ukraine had been abused by the new Ukrainian government and insisted that Crimea's vote to join Russia was in line with international law and reflected its right for self-determination.

Putin said his actions followed what he described as

Western arrogance, hypocrisy and pressure, and warned that the West must drop its stubborn refusal to take Russian concerns into account.

"If you push a spring too hard at some point it will spring back," he said, addressing the West. "You always need to remember this."

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## The view from home

**Canadian sanctions won't isolate Russia, says ambassador**

Russia's ambassador to Canada says sanctions from the West over Ukraine won't isolate his country, and expelling it from the G8 would only hurt stability around the world.

Energy-thirsty Asian countries such as China are waiting in the wings if Europe and North America decide they won't want Russia's resources, Georgiy Mamedov said Tuesday.

"Look at the map," he said. "Half of Russia is in Asia. So even if — and I don't think that western countries are, you know, adventurous or crazy enough to shoot themselves in the leg and to undercut mutually beneficial energy and other relationship with Russia — but even if they did, the longest border in the world that we have is with China, not with Belgium and not with Canada, unfortunately."

Canada joined other countries in imposing sanctions on Russia as a result of Sunday's vote in Crimea, but Mamedov shrugged off the sanctions. "I've been around and you can't isolate Russia," he said.

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# Fan-made content is music to record executives' ears

**YouTube.** User uploads earning music biz more dough than official videos

The recording industry is making more money from fan-made mashups, lip-synchs and tributes on YouTube than from official music videos.

"It's a massive growth area. We're very excited about the creativity of consumers using our repertoire and creating their own versions of our videos," said Francis Keeling, the global head of digital business for Universal Music Group.

With one billion users worldwide, YouTube is the most used music service in the world, according to the annual Music Report released Tues-

## Hitting the right notes

New revenue streams are good news for the music industry, which saw a global decline in revenues of 3.9% in 2013 to about \$15 billion US.

day by IFPI, an organization that represents 1,300 record companies around the world.

"All record companies make their repertoire available to YouTube," Keeling explained.

The video website, owned by Google, alerts record companies when a YouTube user uploads content that uses a copyrighted song.

Rather than order the video removed for copyright infringement, the record company can instead choose to

run ads before and during the video, making money off the video's views.

For example, a video of American comedian Steve Kardynal wearing a bikini and lip-synching Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe for unsuspecting viewers on Chatroulette racked up more than 14 million views, which earned ad dollars for the record label behind Jepsen's hit single.

User-generated content is actually generating more money for record labels than the official music videos posted by record labels, Keeling said.

"A lot of that is due to consumers putting more and more repertoire and new versions up there, but also it's YouTube getting better at advertising," he said.


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## The winter of flyers' discontent


A flight board shows JetBlue cancellations at Logan International Airport on Jan. 7 in Boston, a day after the airline cancelled nearly all operations into Logan because of bad weather. It was that kind of month for JetBlue, and it was that kind of month for all U.S. airlines, which posted one of their worst January on-time performances ever, as winter storms pounded parts of the country. One-third of all flights arrived late, the rate of cancelled flights was the second-highest ever, and reports of mishandled bags soared. STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

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## Canadian report

### 41.1% of small businesses use url

A new study says fewer than half of Canada's small businesses have an online presence and may be losing sales opportunities. Overall, it found that 45.5 per cent of Canadian businesses are online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

People are still ignoring the science. That's what I'll be thinking about.

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# AND THE MOST FAMOUS CANADIAN IS...

Quick! Who's the most famous Canadian in the world?

Chris Hadfield, the singing astronaut?

Christopher Plummer, the Oscar-winning actor?

Wayne Gretzky, the Great One?

Nope, it's Avril Lavigne, that's who.

That's if you believe an MIT research project called Pantheon that combed through online references to anyone between 4,000 BC and 2010 who has a Wikipedia reference in more than 25 languages.

It's bad enough that MIT has anointed a pop has-been in the waning stages of her career as the most famous Canadian ever, but our credulity is strained to the breaking point as it goes down the list.

The second most famous Canadian is Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey hasn't had a hit since the '90s and his most recent effort is *Dumb and Dumber To*.

The outrage continues: Justin Bieber is number three,



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which makes sense because he's Canadian Bad Boy Number One, right up there with Rob Ford. Number four is Celine Dion, who's certainly famous in Vegas, but number five is Pamela Anderson, who was famous for doing nothing long ago, before she was supplanted by Kim Kardashian.

As statistically sound as it appears to be, the process is obviously flawed. Garbage in, garbage out. What can you expect from research that would have us believe that the world's most famous actor is Molière? (Thousands of commuters call up Molière on their devices, only to discover a 17th century French playwright. Shakespeare would have something to say about that, in iambic pentameter, no less.)

You have to wonder what Avril Lavigne is thinking, as she lounges by the pool out there somewhere in pop-tart land with her arguably more famous husband Chad Kroeger, lead singer for Nickelback. "Like, Chad, I told you I was more

famous than you are. In fact, I'm more famous than Pamela Anderson."

I really don't think MIT should be encouraging this sort of thing.

Chad, by the way, did not make the list even though he's the front man for Billboard's top rock group of the 2000s.

The rest of the top 25 list continues to undermine the credibility of the MIT findings. Either that, or I don't get out enough these days. Somebody named Chris Benoit is the 12th most famous Canadian in the world, more famous than Avatar director James Cameron (14) and Marshall McLuhan (17) the man who said "The medium is the message." Boy, was he right on. Just not as famous as Avril Lavigne or Chris Benoit, whoever he is.

It may be this list is telling the truth, and in the words of that famous American Jack Nicholson, we can't handle the truth. So, like most people who don't like what they hear, I propose to ignore all this ... data, and go on thinking that Glenn Gould, the world's greatest pianist (19), is more famous, and deservedly so, than some guy named Chris Benoit.

## ZOOM

# Birds of a spider flock together

## Spider's display is courtship dance

This male spider tries to attract a female by showing off its colours — just like a peacock. The maratus, also known as the peacock spider, flaunts its stunning blue, red and green flaps to catch the eye of a female. The spider, one of 43 species of maratus, was found by biologist Jurgen Otto near Esperance, Western Australia. **METRO**

### Quoted

"The males do not discriminate between the females of different species and will display their bright bodies to females that belong to other species." Jurgen Otto

## Arachnid gives bird's-eye view

This species of peacock spider, the maratus avibus, really does look like a feathered creature.

"The design on the spider's abdomen looks like two birds facing each other — which made experts choose the name 'avibus', meaning 'birds' in Latin," says Otto.

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need to use their parent company, TurboTax, for that.

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humans are a virus - we move to an area and multiply until every natural resource is consumed. Looks like the moon is next!

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# Filmmaker explores teen genre in Beyond Clueless

**SXSW.** Documentary examines teen movies from more than 200 not-quite classics



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Metro World News in Hollywood

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne came to SXSW to premiere *Beyond Clueless*, his exploration of teen movies. Less a traditional, talking heads doc than a lyrical, fluid examination of the genre, Lyne gives the scholarly and artistic treatment to a class of films usually excluded from such pursuits, with narration by Fairuza Balk and visuals from more than 200 teen not-quite classics.

**How has it been, bringing your first film to SXSW?**

What's nice is it feels like we're repeating the experience of doing the Kickstarter now because it's going out to a load of people who have no idea who any of us are but have some bearing on this subject matter. ... Everyone has that film that they grew up watching and obsessing over, and usually it's a film that is quite singular to them.

**So is *Clueless* that movie for you?**

*Clueless* is a film I completely love and certainly growing up it was one of my five or 10 that I would go back to again and again and again, but ac-

tually the ones I always found more fascinating were the ones that, for lack of a better word, aren't quite as good as *Clueless*.

The teen genre for me is most fascinating when it doesn't quite work, you know? There's plenty of teen movies that I think are unequivocally brilliant — wouldn't change a thing, perfect movies — stuff like *Clueless*, stuff like *Cruel Intentions*, that just really work and know themselves.

But the teen movies that I find fascinating are the ones that aren't quite there, that have so much buried beneath the skin but don't quite know what they are. There's so much more going on that even the film itself isn't really aware of — which perfectly mirrors the experience of being a teenager.

**So a film with an identity crisis?**

Exactly. So many of them seem to have these palpable identity crises going on inside them. Something like *Idle Hands*. A film about a teenage boy who has an attractive girl move in next door and suddenly finds that he can't control his right hand — it doesn't seem like a stretch to say that's a metaphor for something. And yet you look back at the way people talked about it when it first came out and there's nothing about that. It's all just, "Devon Sawa is reasonably OK in this mid-dling horror vehicle."

**The teen market is also one**



First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne brings his exploration of teen movies to SXSW in *Beyond Clueless*. CONTRIBUTED

**that never really goes away in Hollywood.**

Surely it's the one film genre that openly states who it's for in its very title. I love that about it, I think there's something really interesting about films that are explicitly marketed toward the most malleable, impressionable

group. And why wouldn't they be the most fascinating to talk about when they have so much power over people?

I think everyone would be willing to admit that they were in at least some way shaped by the films that they saw at that age. That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this

film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, "Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?" So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen movie demons.

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# Frenchie chef transforms tiny Parisian side street into his culinary kingdom

**Rue du Nil.** Greg Marchand is shaking up the block with his bistro-inspired venture

Food nourishes the tiny Rue du Nil from the dim light of morning when the first deliveries start going out to Paris' most sought-after restaurants — until well after midnight, when the young chef who transformed an unchic side street into a culinary destination finally closes up.

In the meantime, sides of beef age in transparent lockers, pastrami is smoked, root vegetables are fondled, and visitors from around the world poke around in the (usually vain) hope that a reservation might open up at Frenchie, the restaurant that started it all.

The first meal Greg Marchand cooked for a crowd was veal in cream sauce — and the



Pedestrians walk past chef Greg Marchand's restaurant Frenchie in Paris. Marchand, right, has also released a cookbook of the restaurant's recipes. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



dozen or so orphans he shared a home with ate it up. He was subbing for the orphanage cook, who took weekends off. An indifferent student, he enrolled in cooking school after his time in the orphanage ran out at age 17.

"I wasn't the best of the bunch. I had other things to sort out in my life first," he

said in a recent interview. "As soon as I finished cooking school, I left France. I wasn't tied to France much."

Marchand's subsequent meandering path — hotel restaurants in London and Hong Kong, a beachside bar in Spain, Jamie Oliver's kitchen, New York's Gramercy Tavern — put him at the crest of bistronomie, the French movement combining highbrow gastronomy and the lowly corner bistro. He returned to France in 2009, just coming into his 30s and into his own as a chef.

The centre of haute cuisine, Paris has been a relative late-comer to the idea of fresh food with local ingredients at prices more for the masses. Marchand, who had by then spent his professional life abroad, was unwittingly ready.

"A lot of young chefs — I'm part of it — open a restaurant with no investor, so with not much money. It's often small places, with no designer work because they cannot afford it. But what we have is a craft, knowledge, experience," he said. "It's often chefs who have

been travelling a lot. We have a French base, French cuisine basis, but because of our travel we are much more open-minded on ingredients, on culture, on techniques."

For 48 euros (\$75), diners get a three-course meal at Frenchie — Oliver's nickname for Marchand back when he was the only Frenchman in the British chef's kitchen. It's not cheap, but neither is it especially expensive in a city where tourists expecting the world's finest cuisine instead routinely get fleeced in brasseries charging far more for factory-produced meals that are discreetly unwrapped and thawed in the kitchen.

They'll see Marchand peeking out obsessively, serving up some plates himself and unfailingly checking in with customers and mysteriously keeping tabs on comings and goings in the wine bar he runs across the cobblestoned street.

There's nothing fancy about it: the restaurant seats about 30, plates are simple white, and menus come on clipboards. Jeans and sneakers

are welcome for staff and customers alike.

And, to be honest, there are not a lot of French voices on the street or inside once the sun goes down. Staff come from all over, and include a smattering of Canadians and Americans. Marchand cheerfully — and frequently — speaks English.

But a visit to Rue du Nil is still worth the trip even for those who can't snag a reservation.

"It has become one of the destinations for shopping and snacking and begging for reservations in the city, which was certainly not the case before he got there five years ago," said Meg Zimbeck, a transplanted Kansan whose website Paris By Mouth is aimed at food-loving visitors to Paris. "He wants to change the way people shop for food, experience food. Not just turn a massive profit."

And Marchand's influence is spreading. When he mentioned an opening on the street, Alexandre Drouard, a 30-year-old whose Terroir

d'Avenir supplies Frenchie and dozens of the most sought-after restaurants in Paris, moved in and opened a butcher, a fish shop and a small grocery store. A coffee roaster recently went in, too. Marchand himself expanded to a wine bar (no reservations) and an American-style breakfast and lunch joint whose menu includes pastrami sandwiches, bagels and sticky buns.

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## New book

Aspiring chefs can also check out Marchand's techniques in his cookbook, which goes on sale in English in March.

- It's a radically pared down version of what's on offer in the restaurant, which puts out some truly spectacular dishes in a home-sized kitchen crammed with sous chefs, specialized equipment and ingredients only seen on Rue du Nil.

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**All I saw was the inside of my room.** Here are some health tips to make sure you don't miss a thing on your big trip



**ON THE MOVE**  
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Getting sick on vacation is never supposed to be part of the itinerary, but it happens. With a little pre-planning there are ways to avoid some common ailments that are a traveller's worst enemy.

### Jet lag

Forget the home remedies and focus on being hydrated during your flight. Drink lots of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine. Don't overeat, as the low pressure can make you and your organs swollen and bloated. Upon arrival re-program your body to eat, exercise and sleep as the lo-



**Bitter medicine:** Nobody likes to get sick while on vacation, so plan ahead to stay healthy. ISTOCK

cal time zone dictates. Get as much sunshine as you can; it lets your body know that the schedule has changed.

### Norovirus

Cruise ship outbreaks of the Norwalk virus can ruin a holiday on the waves. The good news is that the frequency of an outbreak is distorted by the media attention it re-

ceives when it does happen. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S., it's only an outbreak when three per cent or more of those on board report symptoms.

The best course of resistance is to be vigilant about your personal hygiene while on board. Wash your hands with soap and rub and rinse

for at least 15 seconds. That is longer than you think, so make sure to count it out.

### Malaria

Most travellers know to take anti-malarial medication in high-risk zones, but there's more to preventing the disease than just swallowing a pill. Always use insect repellent with DEET and dress ap-

propriately; long sleeve shirts, pants and boots. Visit a travel medical clinic prior to your trip to learn where the latest malarial hot spots are. You may be surprised to hear that popular destinations like Mexico and Panama have malarial zones.

### Tropical diseases

Typically, destinations with high levels of poverty have poor sanitation, which can lead to poor quality of food and water and lack of mitigating measures against insects and rodents. However, don't be fooled — luxurious surroundings and high-end resorts don't always protect you from getting infected.

Diseases like hepatitis A or viral influenza could strike you almost anywhere. Visit a travel medical clinic before any tropical vacation for the most up-to-date information. Avoid salads and salsas and stick to food rules 101: only eat what you can boil, cook or peel. Drink bottled water and decline ice cubes in your cocktails.

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# Shopping around for a new gig?

**You've got this job in the bag.** A career in retail is an easy sell once you consider the opportunities in store

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Planning on landing your first job in retail?

There are a number of different qualities that make retail a promising field, whether you're taking your first career step or planning for a career transition. Identifying some of the great qualities of working in retail can help you create a long-term plan for your career.

Here are three reasons retail is a great career field, as well as some tips to help you plan your next move.

## There is variety and growth potential

Since some of the most visible jobs in retail involve working directly with the public in a retail store, it's easy to be tricked into thinking that "retail" is just a type or level of job.

Remember this: retail is an industry.

This means that all sorts of career opportunities are present for a candidate with the right background who is willing to invest some time learning from the ground up.

"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations and worked their way up," says Devon Blower, a recruitment specialist with Bell.

It's increasingly common



Many opportunities branch outwards from entry-level positions on the retail floor, because these roles are hands-on learning experiences and provide plenty of opportunity to demonstrate skills and potential. ISTOCK

for entry-level retail applicants to have long-term career plans with an organization — and to share those plans as part of an application or interview process.

"There are lots of candidates all trying to get into this organization and this industry," says Devon. "We have lots of opportunity."

**Tip:** What roles do you want to explore at your prospective employer in the long-term? Why? Answering these questions will help you plan your search more effectively.

**You can pursue your interests — or discover new ones**

## Movin' on up

**"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations."**

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Recruitment specialist with Bell

Since retail is an industry, there are a lot of opportunity for to pursue a personal passion at work, or even discover a new one. That's what happened to Maya Bielinski, who went to work at her family's jewelry store with trepidation.

"My parents had always worked in the business, and I was pretty sure I wanted nothing to do with it," she says. "I didn't know anything about metalsmithing or jewelry design or gemstones — and at the time I didn't even want to learn!"

That changed pretty quickly, when she found an old book about precious stones one day while on break.

"I guess I needed to see it all from a different angle. I never considered the geography or geology or chemical "composition of gemstones," Maya says. "But this little book had me hooked. I was fascinated by all this new knowledge."

## You don't learn by looking

Many people experience their first role in retail as a part-time or summer job and leave convinced that "working in retail" means never moving beyond that first role, never learning or growing (or earning more money).

- In reality, every career path presents opportunities to learn, grow and develop transferable skills.

- Store manager Mandy Utton knows. While her years of retail experience at Starbucks have taught her a lot about company routines and products, she focuses on one of the most important skills she puts to work every day.

- "The most important thing I've learned is how to lead," she says. "My job is managing a store, but it is leadership that inspires a team."

- Part of any learning experience is recognizing that you don't know what you don't know — so don't make assumptions about a job until you've had a chance to experience it first-hand (for months, not days).

**Tip:** Do your research. See if you can connect with people in your prospective retail position and learn more about the job and industry. This is networking — you'll be doing it for your whole career.

The more she learned, the more she found herself engaging at the store — even fashioning trinkets of her own and connecting with customers who expressed interest. Soon, she found herself with a new hobby.

"I was surrounded by all these incredible objects and by people who really valued the artistry and skill that went into creating them. Jewelry wasn't just shiny ornaments anymore — I started seeing it as sculpture, sometimes showcasing amazing geology."

While she's moved on to pursue a law degree, she credits her first employment experience in retail with helping her start building skills she's put to work since.

"If you can find a thread of interest in whatever work

you're doing, pursue it. Curiosity and dedication will serve you well whatever job you're working."

**Tip:** Got a hobby, talent or interest? See if that self-taught background positions you for a corresponding type of retail role. Your employer will probably appreciate your product knowledge.

Just about every job listing sparks fierce competition, and retail is no exception.

You won't land your first job in retail unless you're ready to consistently challenge yourself to grow and expand your knowledge. Count on it.

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# Sneak extra fibre and protein into a Chinese food favourite

## Chicken Fried Rice.

With the addition of chickpeas, this dish takes on a healthier profile that is sure to become a family fave



**DINNER EXPRESS**  
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One my grandmother's favourite things to eat is Chinese food.

I'm not sure if it's the colourful sauces or the strong differences in flavours from her mother country's Italian food but she sure does enjoy it.

So, at her 85 years of age, I like to make food for her that is hearty and healthy. Here is a version of chicken fried rice that fits the bill.

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) brown rice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped (about 12 oz/340 g)
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chickpeas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 cups (500 ml) bean sprouts

### Cooking tips

- Vegetarian Fried Rice option: Use vegetable broth for the chicken stock and omit chicken breasts. Use 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) chopped extra firm tofu for the chicken.
- You can use 2 cups (500 ml) of cooked chopped or shredded chicken instead of cooking chicken for the recipe.

Luckily, she approves of it — even with the slightly sneaky addition of chickpeas for additional fibre! The chickpeas also add protein to keep you full.

Colourful and easy to make, it should quickly become your grandma's (and entire family's) favourite too.

1. In a saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) of the sodium reduced chicken stock and brown rice to boil.

2. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for about 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork and set aside.

3. In a large nonstick skillet heat the sesame oil over medium high heat and cook boneless skinless chicken and sliced mushrooms for about 8 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

4. Add the chopped green onions, diced carrot, sliced celery, cooked chickpeas and

cooked rice. Cook, stirring for 2 another minutes to combine all of the flavours.

5. Add the remaining chicken stock and soy sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Add bean sprouts and toss to combine.

6. Serve on its own or with side of sautéed vegetables.



**PREP TIME**  
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This recipe makes four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

# Savoury yet light Asian flavour



Teriyaki Chicken Lettuce Wraps serve eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fried Asian food (think spring rolls, wontons) is a lot of people's fave, but who wants to deep-fry at home? Simple teriyaki chicken served in lettuce wraps is not only full of Asian flavours but healthier too.

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, honey, ginger, garlic powder, hot sauce and fish sauce. Set aside.

2. In a food processor, combine carrots and onion. Pulse

until finely chopped. Add chicken, then pulse several times to begin chopping chicken. Add sauce, then continue pulsing just until chicken is well chopped, but not ground.

3. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and cook, stirring often and breaking up any clumps, until cooked through, about 8 minutes. In a small glass, stir together the cornstarch and water, then

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion, quartered
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp cool water
- 1 head Boston lettuce, separated into leaves (or similar broad, tender lettuce)

add to the skillet. Stir and cook for another 2 minutes.

4. Transfer the chicken to one side of a serving platter. Arrange the lettuce leaves on

the other side. Diners help themselves by spooning the chicken into individual leaves, using the leaves as they would a sandwich wrap.

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# Why the Herd could learn from '87 Habs

**QMJHL.** Mooseheads owner Bobby Smith recalls Montreal's playoff meltdown



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It's a loss Bobby Smith calls his most disappointing as an NHL player.

After hoisting the Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens in 1986, the Habs were again in the hunt for the NHL's top prize the following season.

But facing the Philadelphia Flyers in the conference finals, the Canadiens' run at back-to-back titles came up short. The team lost to Philadelphia in six games.

"I realized that feeling we had last year wasn't going to happen again," Smith said about being Stanley Cup champions again. "I can still remember being on the ice at the Forum when the Flyers beat us."

Smith talks about that setback in reference to the team

## A tough act to follow

**"I think for sure, despite my confidence in the team, we're not going to win our first 15 playoff games like (last year)."**

Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith discusses the difficulty of repeating last season's dream run

he is now majority owner of, the Halifax Mooseheads.

Coming off its first-ever QMJHL title, and then a Memorial Cup crown, the talented-laden Mooseheads are again heading into the playoffs as one of the teams to beat.

But with success comes the desire for more, and Smith is confident his club will be just as eager to try and compare this year's team to last, which he likes to call maybe the best ever in junior hockey.

"Once you've felt that, you want to feel it again," he said.

This year's Mooseheads team has the talent to go all the way. But Smith said it's unfair to try and compare this year's team to last, which he likes to call maybe the best ever in junior hockey.

If Halifax is to go all the way, Jonathan Drouin will probably have to lead them there. Last year's team featured the dynamic duo of Nathan MacKinnon and Drouin. This year's club is about Drouin and rookie sniper Nikolaj Ehlers. The difference between Drouin and Ehlers comes down to experience.

Drouin knows what it takes to win. He's proven it, and Smith believes the Tampa Bay Lightning prospect will shine again.

"His leadership comes with his ability to compete and his talent. And when he plays that way, we're a very hard team to beat," Smith said. "He's got a chance to go out again and really leave his mark on junior hockey and the Halifax Mooseheads."



Charlottetown's Anthony Cortese, left, gives chase to Mooseheads' Nikolaj Ehlers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Tops in the Q

## Drouin eyes back-to-back MVP awards

Jonathan Drouin has been named one of three nominees for the QMJHL's MVP award.

The league announced its finalists Tuesday, with Drouin having the chance to win in back-to-back

years.

He is up against league scoring champion Anthony Mantha of the Val-d'Or Foreurs and Anthony Duclair of the Quebec Remparts.

Nikolaj Ehlers is up for three awards: rookie of the year, top professional prospect and offensive rookie of the year.

MacKenzie Weegar is one of three nominees for best defenceman, a list which in-

cludes former Mooseheads blueliner Randy Gazzola, who is with the Foreurs.

Goaltender Zach Fucale is up for personality of the year, while Brent Andrews is nominated for best defensive forward.

Blue-liner Brendan Duke has landed a nomination as well for the Humanitarian and Community Involvement Trophy.

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# OHLer Trafford's death leaves so many questions

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The tragic suicide of Saginaw Spirit hockey player Terry Trafford has left a trail of tears and trauma, almost too much to handle for the powerful major junior hockey community.

The funeral was Tuesday in Toronto, but the questions began the day it was first reported that the Ontario Hockey League player had gone missing.

Yes, it appears mistakes were made in relaying news to Trafford and his family that the 20-year-old had been dropped from the team and was not welcome back this season. That much we seem to know.

But what about the policies and procedures of major junior hockey teams in the wake of the senseless tragedy?

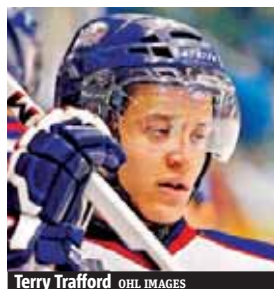
Dr. Natascha Wesch, a former star athlete with the Canadian women's rugby team and now a sports psychologist based in London, Ont., is closer than most to the epicentre of the bureaucratic earthquake that may lay ahead.

She is the help needed when the London Knights organization senses trouble with players off the ice.

"I don't think the OHL has a policy that somebody must be there," Wesch said in an interview with Metro. "Does each team call on someone? I would say that no, not each team has somebody. Now should each team? Absolutely."

The reasons, Wesch said, for looking deeper into the league issues following Trafford's death are more than they appear on the surface.

"I think not only from the



Terry Trafford OHL IMAGES

## Quoted

**"I just think you are asking young men to be prepared to behave and have the cognitive and coping abilities of an adult without giving them, for the most part, any of the tools to do so."**

Dr. Natascha Wesch, sports psychologist

psychological, emotional and just the right thing to do, but also from a liability perspective," she said. "If you think from just a business perspective, pure and simple business, if I have an employee that comes in drunk, I just can't let them go home. I have to provide for their safety and make sure I call a cab and do all those things."

Wesch said a professional outside the team's management, player agents and billets are needed to provide confidential help to the junior hockey players, on a moment's notice if needed.

"These athletes are physically ready to play. They're potentially, I will argue, emotionally ready to play, but once something breaks down, who is there to help them recover and put the pieces back



Saginaw Spirit players attend a funeral service for teammate Terry Trafford in Toronto on Tuesday. The Toronto native's body was found last Wednesday in his SUV in a parking lot in Saginaw Township, Mich.

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together?

"Well, if your leg breaks, you've got a physician there. If your tooth breaks, you've got a dentist there. If your brain, if you will, your psyche breaks, well, you're supposed

to figure that out all on your own because you are a tough hockey player."

That, Wesch said, is what needs to change immediately. It's just unfortunate a player had to die before the discus-

sion began.

"That's what needs to happen sometimes. Look at the Sidney Crosby situation. How many people had concussions before him, but all of a sudden it became important," she said.

## First Four

### Albany sets up date with Gators

D.J. Evans scored 22 points, including two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left, to lead Albany to its first NCAA tournament victory, 71-64 over Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday night in the First Four.

The Great Danes (19-14) advance to meet overall No. 1 seed and top-ranked Florida on Thursday in Orlando.

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## CFL

### Pass interference rule under review

The CFL is considering whether to make pass interference subject to video review, the league announced Tuesday.

Under a proposal to be voted upon Thursday by the league's rules committee, coaches would be allowed to challenge both called and potential defensive pass interference fouls under certain conditions.

If passed, the CFL would become the first football league to subject pass interference to video review.

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## NFL

### Newton to go under the knife

The Carolina Panthers have announced that quarterback Cam Newton will undergo surgery Wednesday on his left ankle and will be sidelined for four months.

The team says he has experienced soreness in the ankle since the end of last season.

Newton led the Panthers to a 12-4 record last season and the NFC South championship and was selected to the Pro Bowl.

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Canadiens goalie Carey Price stops the wraparound attempt by Nathan MacKinnon of the Avalanche in Montreal, Tuesday. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

## NHL. Vanek smacks monkey off his back in Montreal

Thomas Vanek had a hat trick to lift Montreal to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Avalanche in former Canadiens great Patrick Roy's first game at the Bell Centre as an NHL head coach.

Brandon Prust, who left the game late in the first period with an apparent shoulder injury, returned to score a goal and set up one by Travis Moen for Montreal (38-25-7), which won its third game in a row. Vanek got his first goal in six

games since he was acquired in an NHL trade-deadline deal.

Trailing by two goals, Roy pulled goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere with 2:20 left to play, but Dale Weise scored into the empty net.

Rookie Nathan MacKinnon scored a highlight-reel goal and Max Talbot and Jamie McGinn also scored for the Avalanche (44-20-5), which lost for only the third time in 10 games. The Avs end a three-

game road trip Wednesday night in Winnipeg.

Some wondered how the Bell Centre crowd would react to Roy, who won Stanley Cups for the Canadiens in 1986 and 1993 but later demanded a trade and was on the outs with the organization until 2008 when they retired his No. 33 jersey.

It was clear that all was forgiven when the former goaltender got his first long

ovation when he was shown on the scoreboard during the national anthems.

No. 1 overall draft pick MacKinnon put on a show as he ragged the puck in the Montreal zone for most of an entire shift. Then he got the puck alone in front of the net off a strange deflection and deked Carey Price for his 23rd goal of the season and the only one in this game's first period.

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## 2014 Mini Cooper

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback
- **Engines (hp).** 1.5-litre DOHC I3, turbocharged (134); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (189).
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$22,750



## Fuel economy

The base Cooper's already-decent fuel economy should improve to about 6.9 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway with the six-speed stick (up from 7.4/5.7).

## Design

The length of the two-door hatchback (Mini insists on calling it a hardtop) has increased by 11.5 centimetres, all ahead of the doors. That's also where the most obvious changes occur, including the trapezoidal grille and blacked-out bumper. The windshield is also a little steeper, which gives the Mini a sleeker appearance.

**Review.** The same ... but totally different? This shouldn't really come as a surprise to anyone

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Some cars can make you smile, whether you're behind the wheel, riding as a passenger, or watching them drive down the street.

Since its 2002 model-year arrival, the Mini Cooper has enjoyed a growing number of admirers, due in no small part to the Mini brand adding more and more models.

The third-generation BMW-built Mini, which goes on sale this spring, should elicit the same appreciative grins even if to the casual observer it appears much the same as before.

Hard-core Mini fans will, however, note significant changes afoot everywhere, which is because virtually every aspect of the Mini Cooper is brand new.

The extra 4.5 centimetres in width is good news for passengers and should also make for flatter cornering. As well, an extra three centimetres between the front and rear wheels doesn't sound like much, but for rear-seat riders, who can now recline the split-folding back cushion for added comfort, every little bit helps. There's also slightly more stowage space with the rear seat in the upright position.

The rest of the cabin has undergone a major retooling. Most obvious, the centre-stack-mounted speedometer has been relocated to the steering column. It's flanked by a half-moon tachometer to the left and the fuel gauge lights on the right.

The clock-like centre-stack pod carries over and houses the infotainment, communications and navigation systems that are controlled by a rotary dial on the floor console. Near it are pushbuttons for the air conditioning, ventilation and seat warmers plus toggle switches for other functions such as traction and

stability control that reduce the likelihood of skids and spins in adverse conditions.

Easily the most radical change is found under the hood as there are two new powerplants. Base models run with a turbocharged 1.5-litre three-cylinder that puts out 134 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque. That's up considerably from the previous non-turbo 1.6-litre four-cylinder's 121 horsepower and relatively puny 114 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the Cooper S puts you in control of a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with 189 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque (the 2013 Cooper S generated 181 horses and 208 pound-feet of torque).

The new standard six-speed manual transmission has a more precise shift linkage, while a six-speed automatic is optional.

Both engines feature an overboost function to provide a bit more torque for a few seconds (good for added passing power) when the gas pedal is floored. Overboost also

helps the base cars achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time of 7.9 seconds, versus 8.6 seconds for the previous base four-cylinder. The Cooper S can do it in 6.8 seconds (previously 7.0), as measured by Mini.

For 2014, the base price is \$22,750, including destination charges, but there are several new options that could tempt you to spend more. They include an adjustable suspension with Comfort and Sport settings as well as a Head-Up-Display that projects speed and basic navigation info onto a dash-mounted pop-up monitor. The oddest accessory is the self-park feature to guide a skills-deficient Mini driver into an appropriate spot. Honestly, anyone unable to parallel-park a car this small should consider purchasing a bus pass.

However, the additions and improvements to the Mini Cooper give it more of a real-car persona, which makes it feel less like a novelty. That should also make it much easier to justify as a purchase and much easier to live with.

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# Hey, that sinkhole eight my classic Corvettes!

**Every cloud ...** The positive side of this story is that museum attendance is up and three of the cars have been salvaged so far



**AUTO PILOT**  
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The sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, which swallowed eight historic Corvettes last month, was certainly bad news for Corvette fans and the museum.

But museum attendance and interest is up since the sinkhole, so not all bad I guess...

People are obviously fascinated with the spectacle and drama of a sinkhole. Throw in some super-special Corvettes, and suddenly you have a major-league attraction on your hands.

One report I read also noted

## The Sinkholed Eight

- 1962 black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 white 1 millionth Corvette
- 1993 ZR1 Spyder
- 1993 40th anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil"
- 2009 white 1.5 millionth Corvette

that museum patrons are even fascinated with all the "crane action" going on. The cranes are part of the efforts to extricate the fallen 'Vettes.

Big cranes. Cool sports cars. Big sinkhole. Now that's a museum even a 10-year-old ADD boy could love. I wonder if they're taking notes over at the Royal Ontario, Glenbow, and National Gallery; maybe



The 1962 Corvette was the first one out of the sinkhole, and sustained less damage than one might have expected for such a mishap. Eight museum Corvettes took the plunge. Three are still down there. GENERAL MOTORS

even contemplating how one or two of their more esoteric exhibits might benefit from a similar sinkhole makeover.

The 1962 Corvette was the first to get rescued, lifted out of the sinkhole nose first. Engineers then successfully ex-

tracted the 2009 Corvette ZR-1 "Blue Devil" and a 1993 40th anniversary model Corvette. All three were in surprisingly good shape, considering.

The remaining cars had more stuff fall on top of them and are more heavily dam-

aged. As of this writing, three 'Vettes are still in the sinkhole: a one-off ZR1 Spyder; the 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06, and the 1.5 millionth Corvette.

Construction crews need to continue to stabilize the walls of the sinkhole before

attempting to vacuum out the dirt from around those remaining cars. But they are sure to be rescued at some point, and then they will likely join the other "survivors" in a special display, before they all get made new again. The sinkhole is in the Skydome, a separate structure from the main museum. While the Skydome is off-limits for now, the main museum remains open.

There are two adjoining walls between the buildings. One wall features a video monitor, which shows live webcam footage of the work going on in the Skydome. The other features a plexi-glass viewing area.

Sinkholes are not uncommon in Kentucky, one of several U.S. states especially prone to them, by virtue of the Karst topography, a landscape largely formed by the dissolving action of water on soft bedrock (usually limestone).

Corvettes have been made exclusively in Kentucky, at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, since 1981. I guess it was only a matter of time then, before those two great Kentucky forces collided.

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The burning question about electric cars is how well they work in the real world. Not some urban area with two-kilometre daily commutes and electrical outlets every 10 steps.

Out in the “real world” there’s the dreaded range anxiety, where you just don’t know how far, exactly, your car will take you. It’s not like there’s a charge station on every corner and you have three hours to kill waiting for a battery top-up. In Alaska, if you run out . . .

It doesn’t get much more real than that. As event planners, my wife, Lisa Calvi, and I changed hotels 10 times in less than two weeks during an extended business trip here.

Hey, I’m cranky for it, and for a morning guy who is rarely out of sorts, my mood is as much a surprise to me as my unsuspecting wife.

“I’m sorry Lisa, I’ll snap out of it,” I offer, realizing this will be our only day off before getting back to work.

We pack our suitcases and office supplies into the hatchback of the Chevrolet Volt. This is a normal car, I remind myself, stuffing the last of the suitcases into the cargo area, which is massive with the rear seats folded down.

We head south out of Anchorage toward the Kenai Peninsula. Lisa and I booked a six-hour glacier cruise out of Whittier and have an appointment at the “tunnel” which is the only land connection from the port of Whittier to the rest of the world.

We clear Anchorage and follow the highway along Turnagain Arm. The tides are low and the mudflats seem endless. As my brooding levels out,

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the silent, comfortable ride of the Volt reminds me that we are indeed running on electricity and will be for about 50 kilometres.

It doesn’t matter that we’re driving about 300 kilometres that day. Once the battery runs down, an on-board four-cylinder gasoline-powered generator will kick in and extend our range for another 500 or so kilometres. Sure we might consume some fossil fuel, but there is no pesky “my-battery-is-running-low-range-anxiety” with the Volt.

The idea of leaving home for a weekend road trip with an electric vehicle is normally a dicey proposition, unless the plan doesn’t involve much driving, because range is short and charging takes a long time . . . if you can find somewhere to charge.

That makes the Chevy Volt a compelling alternative. It’s an electric car that doesn’t need a back-up vehicle beside it in the driveway.

It doesn’t take long to cheer up. The scenery is stunning. A glacier here, snow-capped mountain there. With a little luck we might see the “tidal bore,” a wall of rushing water that marks the changing of the tides on Turnagain Arm.

We make our tunnel time and file through a three-kilometre railway tunnel with a line of other cars and trucks en route to rustic Whittier. Cool.

From Whittier, the cruise through Prince William Sound is a spellbinding affair that stops briefly at a remote fish hatchery where salmon are jumping, rafts of sea otters are frisking and bald eagles swooping. It’s like an advertisement for animal heaven. Later we swing close to Surprise Glacier where the Captain cuts the engines so we can see and “hear” the glaciers. Creek, wham, slam. It has been going on for millions of years.

Back in Whittier, I power up the Volt. The battery charge is depleted but the four-cylinder gasoline generator engine keeps the charge between 20



Alaska is full of interesting wildlife like whales ...



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and 29 per cent so we’re not concerned about anything but making the tunnel appointment time to get us back to the main road.

The drive south through the Kenai Peninsula is nothing short of spectacular. Uneearthly blue glaciers casually hang off some of them. We take a detour to tiny Hope and feast on the best fish and chips ever at Seaview Café.

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Later that night we pull into Seward at the southern end of the peninsula. Plenty of activities are available there from glacier helicopter hiking to sea kayaking and dog sledding. We check into the Van Gilder, Seward’s oldest hotel that is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of a woman murdered there in 1950.

“You want the room where it happened?” the pleasant receptionist asks. “We’ll pass,” I respond, checking out the slack look on Lisa’s face. “Do you have a place to plug in my car? It’s a Chevy Volt and charging it tonight will give me an electrified head-start tomorrow.”

There’s no outside receptacle. It doesn’t matter though, because the Chevy Volt is one electric car that can live in the real world.



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# Mexico the victors in Free Trade Agreement

**Driving Force.** Low wages and lower parts costs is the reason automakers are flocking to, and building steadily in, the Latin-American nation

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Twenty years ago, Canada, the United States and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which eliminated almost all tariffs and trade restrictions between the three countries, including vehicle production. But two decades later, it looks like Mexico ended up getting the most out of the arrangement.

"While Canadian vehicle production has increased marginally from where it was 20 years ago, it tails the tripling that we've seen occurring in Mexico," says Carlos Gomes, senior economist and auto industry specialist for Scotiabank.

"We have historically accounted for about 16 per cent of overall North American vehicle production, but in recent years, our share of investment has declined to about 5 per cent."

## Facts

- **Manufacturing.** Auto production makes up 15 per cent of Mexico's overall manufacturing, but it is only 10 per cent of Canada's total, and is 9 per cent in the United States.

- **Imported parts.** Some 23 per cent of all auto parts imported by the U.S. came from Mexico when NAFTA began, but now it's 34 per cent.

- **Big money.** Carmakers invested \$2.9 billion into Mexico's automotive industry in 2013, almost double what the country received on average each year over the last decade.

While the domestic automakers—Chrysler, Ford and General Motors—originally made up the bulk of production in Mexico, Japanese and European automakers now account for the majority of Mexico's output.

Companies such as Volkswagen, Nissan, Honda, and Mazda already build or are about to start production in Mexico, while Audi is constructing a new plant that is expected to turn out its first

vehicle in 2016, and BMW is in negotiations for a new facility.

Part of the reason is wages: Mexico's labour costs are approximately 20 per cent lower than in the rest of North America. However, another important factor is that Mexico has free trade agreements with some 40 countries, which allows automakers to build their

cars there and then ship them duty-free to global markets. This includes models sold in Canada and the U.S., which not only eliminates potential tariffs, but cuts down on transportation costs, since the vehicles don't have to be shipped from overseas.

"The Mexican plants go into areas that ours don't," Gomes says. "That's a big

difference. The Canadian plants export almost exclusively to the U.S., whereas in Mexico, they export to the U.S. but more than 20 per cent of their shipments are outside of the NAFTA region. It's these (markets) in particular that are growing at a faster pace."

The domestic automakers originally built factories in Mexico to make parts at

lower cost that were then shipped north to car plants for final assembly. In 1998, Mexico passed Canada as the top parts supplier to the U.S. assembly lines.

Today, each vehicle built in the United States now contains approximately \$4,000 in Mexican-built parts, but only about \$1,500 in parts from Canadian facilities.



Volkswagen staff celebrate the 10 millionth car built in Mexico. PHOTO VOLKSWAGEN



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The Mercedes ML Class was the first German luxury on the scene when it hit the market some years ago—and it paved the way for numerous competitors from automakers around the world to join the scene. For its last complete generation, which ran 2005 to 2011, the ML was available with gas or diesel propulsion from a range of six or eight-cylinder engines to suit a variety of needs. A model with V6 power should prove adequate for most shoppers. Standard on all models were 4Matic four-wheel drive, an automatic transmission and a list of luxury must-haves. Feature content for the family-ready posh-ute included rear-seat DVD entertainment consoles, a sunroof, automatic climate control, xenon lights, climate controlled seats, Bluetooth, and plenty more.

## Common issues

If opting for a 2005 to 2008 copy of an ML from this generation, the vehicle's owner's community has done a good

job of documenting the issues you might expect to surface. Unfortunately, a number of them are fairly serious. First, 'listen' to any unusual noise from the front of the vehicle, notably a 'whirring' or 'whining' sound. A well-known front differential issue may be the cause, and the whining sounds usually come just ahead of differential failure, which is not inexpensive to remedy. Warning lights or messages, hard shifting from the transmission, 'slipping' during acceleration or gearshifts, surging or other unusual behavior from the transmission on an earlier ML from this generation may all be evidence of an issue with the transmission. Talk to the seller and see if any repair work has been performed because of this issue. Balance shaft sprocket failure, which is expensive and requires removal of the engine for replacement, is another known issue with the 3.5 litre V6. Determine if the seller has had the issue addressed under warranty, and ask a Mercedes technician for his opinion. If buying privately, a dealer can run the VIN number to see if the work has been carried out. Note that a 'check engine' or warning light or message in the instrument cluster can indicate the presence of one or more of these issues. A computer 'scan' can reveal hidden or 'stored' problems which are logged into the computer.



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## What owners like



Owners tend to comment positively on the ML's stereo system, solid and planted ride, all-weather traction and powertrain refinement. The ML, when powered by the five-litre V8, offers pleasing performance and confident towing.

## What owners dislike



Complaints may include poor gas mileage, a rough ride in units with the up-sized wheels, and expensive maintenance bills.

## The verdict

For maximum confidence, avoid an early ML from this generation unless you can verify that the transmission, front differential and balance shaft sprocket issues have all been addressed. A newer model with any extended powertrain warranty available is your safest bet.

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### Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you make a wish over the next two or three days, it may come true. With the Sun moving into your birth sign tomorrow, marking the start of a new solar year, you are likely to get whatever you ask for.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Whatever information you may have that others do not you should treat it like gold dust today. The less others know about what you are up to, the more you will benefit.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you play your cards right over the next few days, there is every chance that some of your big dreams will start to come true. The dividing line between fantasy and reality is quite narrow.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Important people are watching you closely, so make sure they like what they see. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart tomorrow will energize you and make you more ambitious.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Make sure facts are on your side if you want to make an issue out of something. Remember, it's not enough to tell others that they are doing it wrong. They also need to be shown how to do it right.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If your sixth sense tells you that something isn't quite right, listen to it and refrain from doing anything that might lead you down the wrong path — especially financially.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

As the Sun is about to move into the relationship area of your chart you should make more of an effort to get along with the people around you, even those you don't like.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to start thinking about cutting back on work. The past few weeks have been a time of great activity and your momentum will keep you going for a while yet, but your body needs a break.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been, your affairs will improve dramatically as of tomorrow. Cheer up and stop acting as if the world is about to end.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun's change of signs tomorrow means you can come to grips with a family issue that has been causing you plenty of grief. Let loved ones know what you think and how you feel and invite them to be honest with you as well.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The more you are on the move over the next few days, the more likely it is you will find answers to the questions you have been asking. You may not be thrilled by some of the things you learn but the truth is about facts, not feelings.

### Pisces

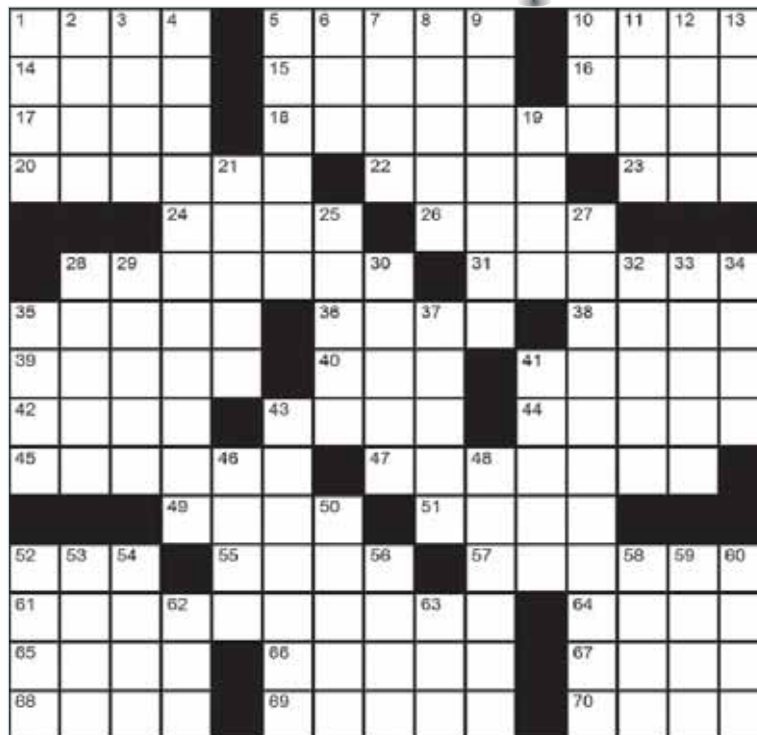
Feb. 20 - March 20

Good news concerning your finances is coming your way in the next few days. You won't get something for nothing but you'll at least have more cash in your pocket. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Ointment
5. House's behind-the-walls sights
10. \_\_\_ Lake, Alberta
14. Parkway, for one
15. Totally ticked
16. Cleaving tool
17. Sham
18. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member: 2 wds.
20. Turn to for trusty support: 2 wds.
22. Website's main page
23. Stylish sash
24. Glass-making stuff
26. Fly elegantly
28. Venezuela's capital
31. Takes the pen's 'lid' off
35. Full range
36. "\_\_\_ Lap" (1983)
38. Vegan's no-no
39. \_\_\_ and beyond
40. Geological period
41. Book part
42. Wine, in Italy
43. What 'i' has on top, \_\_\_
44. Sound-making cow
45. Immerse
47. Terri Clark hit: "Poor, Poor \_\_\_ Me"
49. Chesterfield
51. Jan & Dean's "\_\_\_ City"
52. Perform
55. Ms. Del Rey
57. Peanut butter brand



61. 1990 Kiefer Sutherland movie in which Julia Roberts also starred
64. Concern
65. Glowing light
66. Countrified
67. All square
68. Stack of paper
69. Gradient

70. George W. Bush, et al.

### Down

1. 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics winner, Niels \_\_\_
2. Cosmetic cream's content
3. Actress, Sharon \_\_\_

4. "King of Spain": Hit tune for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
5. Checked blanket dining experience
6. Mr. Levin
7. Way
8. Set of values
9. British actress Jane
10. Corp. bigwig concerned with money

11. "Deal \_\_\_ Deal"
12. Singer/songwriter Lisa
13. Mr. Arnaz
19. Former PM Mr. Chretien
21. Pontificate
25. Recorded
27. Red coat wearing

## Yesterday's Crossword



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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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9	8	6	5	2	4	1	7	3
7	1	3	8	6	9	2	4	5
2	7	5	4	1	8	9	3	6
6	3	1	9	7	2	5	8	4
4	9	8	6	5	3	7	2	1
3	5	7	2	8	6	4	1	9
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